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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (LOWENSTEIN, ALLARD)
SUBJECT: VISIT OF ALLARD LOWENSTEIN

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1. CHARGE, ACCOMPANIED BY POLITICAL COUNSELOR, CALLED ON
MINISTER MARCOS AZAMBUJA, AUGUST 5 AT 3 PM, TO PRESENT
AIDE MEMOIRE AND MAKE ACCOMPANYING ORAL PRESENTATION (REF A).
AZAMBUJA OFFERED NO COMMENT ON AIDE MEMOIRE, BUT, IN
RESPONSE TO ORAL POINTS, WHICH CHARGE DELIVERED VERBATIM,
AZAMBUJA SAID DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING OF GOB'S POSITION WAS
CORRECT. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO LOWENSTEIN VISIT "AS MUCH AND
GOB LOOKED FORWARD TO A LATER VISIT. AZAMBUJA ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE FOR
A PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH CALERO RODRIGUEZ AND SAID HE
PERSONALLY HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST PART
OF NEXT YEAR'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING. (AZAMBUJA DID NOT
TAKE NOTES ON THE ORAL STATEMENT BUT HE REPEATED
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VEBATIM THE KEY PHRASES OF THE PRESENTATION.)

2. DRAWING ON REFTEL A, PARA4 AND REFTEL B,
CHARGE THEN SAID THAT GIVERN THE WIDE KNOWLEDGE OF
ABASSADOR LOWENSTEIN'S PROJECTED ITINERARY, PRESS
INQUIRIES AS TO WHY THE AMBASSADOR WAS NOT VISITING
BRAZIL WERE A CERTAINTY. SPECIFICALLY, THE EMBASSY

HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S PLANS TO VISIT BRAZIL WERE KNOWN IN BRAZILIAN PRESS CIRCLES, AND WE THOUGHT IT WOULD, THEREFORE, BE USEFUL TO BOTH SIDES TO DISCUSS OUR RESPECTIVE PRESS POSTURES. ALSO, WE UNDERSTOOD THAT KNOWLEDGE OF THE POSTPONED TRIP WENT BEYOND BRAZILIAN PRESS CIRCLES. IN ORDER TO AVOID UNHELPFUL PRESS SPECULATION, IT WAS OUR JUDGEMENT THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE BASIC FACTS.

3. CHARGE SAID USIS-BRAZIL, THIS AFTERNOON, IN IN BRASILIA, SAO PAULO, AND RIO WOULD GIVE OUT (USIS WIRELESS) MATERIAL PROVIDING BACKGROUND ON THE AMBASSADOR'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO COLOMBIA, PERU, AND CHILE. THE MATERIAL WOULD BE PASSED OUT IN A NORMAL, ROUTINE MANNER. WE EXPECTED THAT THE OMISSION OF BRAZIL WOULD BE NOTICED BY EDITORS AND REPORTERS FAMILIAR WITH PLANS FOR THE TRIP. IF ASKED, USIS SPOKESMAN WOULD BE PREPARED TO VOLUNTEER A COMMENT. CHARGE THEN PROVIDED LANGUAGE OF THE FOURTH AND FIFTH SENTENCE IN PARA 4 REFTEL A, STRESSING INCLUSION OF THE LATTER (IE FIFTH) SENTENCE. AZAMBUJA SAID THIS WAS AN ACCURATE STATEMENT OF BRAZIL'S POSITION. CHARGE THEN SAID THAT, IF ASKED WHETHER THE GOB HAD REFUSED THE VISIT, WE WOULD ANSWER IN THE NEGATIVE. AZAMBUJA SAID
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THAT THIS WAS ALSO CORRECT.

4. AZAMBUJA THEN ASKED AN AIDE TO TAKE DOWN THE LANGUAGE VERBATIM AND SENT IT, ALLEGEDLY, TO THE PRESS OFFICE (COUNSELOR LUIZ LAMPREIA) FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. (TOWARD THE END OF THIS RATHER LENGTHY WAIT FOR THE AIDE'S RETURN, AZAMBUJA MUSED (LARGELY TO HIMSELF) TO THE EFFECT THAT HE ENVISAGED THE RESPONSE WOULD EMOODY ONE OF THREE OPTIONS: (A) INSIST ON THE VISIT, ON AN OFFICIAL BASIS, AS PRESURSOR TO SECRETARY'S OCTOBER VISIT; (B) AGREE TO GOB REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT; OR (C) CANCEL VISIT ALTOGETHER.) AFTER AZAMBUJA'S AIDE RETURNED, CHARGE ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION OF HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT (A) THE MINISTRY HAD NO PROBLEM WITH LANGUAGE, AND (B) THAT THE MINISTRY WOULD BE FOLLWOING A SIMILAR LINE. AZAMBUJA, BASED ON HIS AIDE'S REPORT, GAVE ASSURANCES ON BOTH COUNTS. IN DEPARTING, CHARGE NOTED IN PASSING THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE MINISTRY WOULD APPRISE US OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

6. IN EFFORT TO STIMULATE AS ACCURATE AN ACCOUNT AS POSSIBLE IN VEJA OF ISSUE RAISED BY POSTPONEMENT OF LOWENSTEIN VISIT, EMBASSY ASKED USIS SAO PAULO INFORMALLY ADVISE

TOVERTO POMPERO, INTERNATIONAL EDITOR OF VEJA, THAT AMBASSADOR VISIT TO BRAZIL HAS BEEN POSTPONEMENT. HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED THE STORY BASED ON THE ROBERTO GARCIA INTERVIEW IN WASHINGTON (PARA 4, REF A). POMPERO EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE NOTICE OF THIS CHANGE IN PLANS.

7. USIS CONCURRENTLY DISTRIBUTED YESTERDAY'S WIRELESS FILE STORY ON LOWENSTEIN TRIP ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS "ENERGY DEPARTMENT GETS QUICK APPROVAL" AND "THE SPACE SHUTTLE TEAM"(PHOTO). OBJECT OF THIS IS TO DRAW QUESTIONS, IF ANY, ABOUT OMISSION OF BRAZIL FROM LOWENSTEIN ITINERARY SO AS TO BE ABLE TO HEAD OFF UNINFORMED PRESS SPECULATION. FYI: THE REMESSA TAKES 24 TO 48 HOURS TO REACH ALL USERS, FO THIS ITEM MAY NOT BE IN ALL HANDS
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UNTIL MONDAY. ACTING HEAD OF USIS BRAZIL HAS PERSONALLY INSTRUCTED USIS INFORMATION OFFICIERS IN RIO AND SAO PAULO.
END FYI.
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